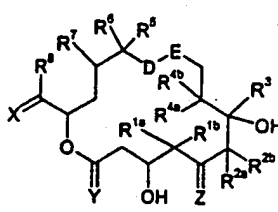


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 <p style="text-align: right;">(I)</p>			
(57) Abstract			
<p>The invention relates to new epothilone derivatives of the general formula (I), in which the substituents Y, Z, R^{2a}, R^{2b}, R^{4a}, R^{4b}, D-E, R⁵, R⁶, R⁷, R⁸ and X have the meanings assigned to them in the description. The new compounds interact with tubulin by stabilizing formed microtubuli. They are capable of influencing cell division in a phase-specific manner and are suitable for the treatment of malignant tumours, such as ovarian, gastric, colon, breast, lung, head and neck carcinoma, adenocarcinoma, malignant melanoma, and acute lymphocytic and myelocytic leukaemia. They are also suited for anti-angiogenesis therapy and for the treatment of chronic inflammatory diseases (psoriasis, arthritis). To prevent uncontrolled cell growth on, and for better tolerability of, medical implants, the derivatives can be introduced into or applied to polymeric materials. The compounds provided for in the invention can be used alone or, to achieve additive or synergistic effects, in combination with other principles and substance categories used in tumour therapy.</p>			

(57) Zusammenfassung

Die vorliegende Erfindung betrifft die neuen Epothilon-Derivate der allgemeinen Formel (I), worin die Substituenten Y, Z, R^{2a}, R^{2b}, R³, R^{4a}, R^{4b}, D-E, R⁵, R⁶, R⁷, R⁸ und X die in der Beschreibung näher angegebenen Bedeutungen haben. Die neuen Verbindungen interagieren mit Tubulin, indem sie gebildete Mikrotubuli stabilisieren. Sie sind in der Lage, die Zellteilung phasenspezifisch zu beeinflussen und sind zur Behandlung maligner Tumoren geeignet, beispielsweise Ovarial-, Magen-, Colon-, Adeno-, Brust-, Lungen-, Kopf- und Nacken-Karzinome, malignes Melanom, akute lymphozytäre und myelocytäre Leukämie. Außerdem sind sie zur Anti-Angiogenese-Therapie sowie zur Behandlung chronischer entzündlicher Erkrankungen (Psoriasis, Arthritis) geeignet. Zur Vermeidung unkontrollierter Zellwucherungen an sowie der besseren Verträglichkeit von medizinischen Implantaten lassen sie sich in polymere Materialien auf- bzw. einbringen. Die erfindungsgemäßen Verbindungen können alleine oder zur Erzielung additiver oder synergistischer Wirkungen in Kombination mit weiteren in der Tumorthherapie anwendbaren Prinzipien und Substanzklassen verwendet werden.

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The disclaimer of Claim 1 which refers to R2a and R2b cannot be valid for the claims dependent on Claim 1, as these claims do not contain the values R2a and R2b. For this reason, the already known natural epothilone derivatives are prejudicial as to novelty at least for claims 3 and 4. It is unclear whether Claims 3 and 4 consequently do not represent a subset of Claim 1, rather they overlap with Claim 1 (Claims 2, 5, 6 and 7 also do not refer to the disclaimer); as a result, the desired scope of protection is not clearly defined (Art. 6 PCT).

Several of the compounds which are revealed in publications cited in the search report fall in fact under the scope of Claims 13, 17 or 29 and are thus prejudicial as to novelty; there are however compounds which clearly possess no characteristic structural features of the final products. These claims also do not clearly define the object for which prevention is sought (Art. 6 PCT). Basically, Claims 13, 17 and 29 were searched for technical as well as for economic reasons primarily with regard to the possibilities which can actually be utilized to produce the final products and have a minimum mass of structural similarity to the final products.

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2. ☒ Bestimmte Ansprüche haben sich als nicht recherchierbar erwiesen (siehe Feld I).

3. ☐ Mangelnde Einheitlichkeit der Erfindung (siehe Feld II).

4. Hinsichtlich der Bezeichnung der Erfindung

☒ wird der vom Anmelder eingereichte Wortlaut genehmigt.

☐ wurde der Wortlaut von der Behörde wie folgt festgesetzt:

5. Hinsichtlich der Zusammenfassung

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6. Folgende Abbildung der Zeichnungen ist mit der Zusammenfassung zu veröffentlichen: Abb. Nr. _____

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☐ keine der Abb.

Feld I Bemerkungen zu den Ansprüchen, die sich als nicht recherchierbar erwiesen haben (Fortsetzung von Punkt 2 auf Blatt 1)

Gemäß Artikel 17(2)a) wurde aus folgenden Gründen für bestimmte Ansprüche kein Recherchenbericht erstellt:

1. ☐ Ansprüche Nr.
weil sie sich auf Gegenstände beziehen, zu deren Recherche die Behörde nicht verpflichtet ist, nämlich

2. ☐ Ansprüche Nr.
weil sie sich auf Teile der internationalen Anmeldung beziehen, die den vorgeschriebenen Anforderungen so wenig entsprechen, daß eine sinnvolle internationale Recherche nicht durchgeführt werden kann, nämlich

3. ☐ Ansprüche Nr.
weil es sich dabei um abhängige Ansprüche handelt, die nicht entsprechend Satz 2 und 3 der Regel 6.4 a) abgefaßt sind.

Feld II Bemerkungen bei mangelnder Einheitlichkeit der Erfindung (Fortsetzung von Punkt 3 auf Blatt 1)

Die internationale Recherchenbehörde hat festgestellt, daß diese internationale Anmeldung mehrere Erfindungen enthält:

1. ☐ Da der Anmelder alle erforderlichen zusätzlichen Recherchegebühren rechtzeitig entrichtet hat, erstreckt sich dieser internationale Recherchenbericht auf alle recherchierbaren Ansprüche.

2. ☐ Da für alle recherchierbaren Ansprüche die Recherche ohne einen Arbeitsaufwand durchgeführt werden konnte, der eine zusätzliche Recherchegebühr gerechtfertigt hätte, hat die Behörde nicht zur Zahlung einer solchen Gebühr aufgefordert.

3. ☐ Da der Anmelder nur einige der erforderlichen zusätzlichen Recherchegebühren rechtzeitig entrichtet hat, erstreckt sich dieser internationale Recherchenbericht nur auf die Ansprüche, für die Gebühren entrichtet worden sind, nämlich auf die Ansprüche.Nr.

4. ☐ Der Anmelder hat die erforderlichen zusätzlichen Recherchegebühren nicht rechtzeitig entrichtet. Der internationale Recherchenbericht beschränkt sich daher auf die in den Ansprüchen zuerst erwähnte Erfindung; diese ist in folgenden Ansprüchen erfaßt:

Bemerkungen hinsichtlich eines Widerspruchs

- ☐ Die zusätzlichen Gebühren wurden vom Anmelder unter Widerspruch gezahlt.
- ☐ Die Zahlung zusätzlicher Recherchegebühren erfolgte ohne Widerspruch.

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Ansprüche Nr.: 1-7,9-30

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C. ALS WESENTLICH ANGESEHENE UNTERLAGEN

Kategorie°	Bezeichnung der Veröffentlichung, soweit erforderlich unter Angabe der in Betracht kommenden Teile	Betr. Anspruch Nr.
X	WO 97 19086 A (GESELLSCHAFT FÜR BIOTECHNOLOGISCHE FORSCHUNG MBH) 29. Mai 1997 in der Anmeldung erwähnt siehe Seite 7, letzter Absatz siehe Ansprüche 4,13 ---	1-7, 10, 11
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Kategorie ^o	Bezeichnung der Veröffentlichung, soweit erforderlich unter Angabe der in Betracht kommenden Teile	Betr. Anspruch Nr.
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A	siehe Seite 7961, Schema 1, Verbindung 8 ---	13
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A	siehe Seite 543, Schema 2 ---	13
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A	siehe Seite 2183, Schema, Verbindungen der Formel B	13
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International publication date (day/month/year) Not yet published	Priority date (day/month/year) 09 August 1997 (09.08.97)
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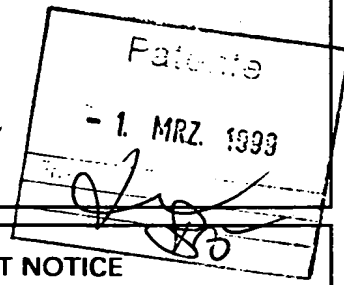
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The communication will be made to those Offices only upon their request. Furthermore, those Offices do not require the applicant to furnish a copy of the international application (Rule 49.1(a-bis)).

3. Enclosed with this Notice is a copy of the international application as published by the International Bureau on 18 February 1999 (18.02.99) under No. WO 99/07692

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If the applicant wishes to postpone entry into the national phase until 30 months (or later in some Offices) from the priority date, a **demand for international preliminary examination** must be filed with the competent International Preliminary Examining Authority before the expiration of 19 months from the priority date.

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International application No. PCT/EP98/05064	International filing date (day/month/year) 10 August 1998 (10.08.1998)	Priority date (day/month/year) 09 August 1997 (09.08.1997)
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3. This report contains indications relating to the following items: I <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basis of the report II <input type="checkbox"/> Priority III <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability IV <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lack of unity of invention V <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement VI <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Certain documents cited VII <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Certain defects in the international application VIII <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Certain observations on the international application

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International application No.

PCT/EP98/05064

I. Basis of the report

1. This report has been drawn on the basis of *(Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to the report since they do not contain amendments.)*:

- ☐ the international application as originally filed.
- ☒ the description, pages 1 - 162, as originally filed,
 pages _____, filed with the demand,
 pages _____, filed with the letter of _____,
 pages _____, filed with the letter of _____.
- ☒ the claims, Nos. 1 - 13, as originally filed,
 Nos. _____, as amended under Article 19,
 Nos. _____, filed with the demand,
 Nos. _____, filed with the letter of _____,
 Nos. _____, filed with the letter of _____.
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/fig _____, as originally filed,
 sheets/fig _____, filed with the demand,
 sheets/fig _____, filed with the letter of _____,
 sheets/fig _____, filed with the letter of _____.

2. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, Nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/fig _____

3. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

4. Additional observations, if necessary:

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III. Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability

The questions whether the claimed invention appears to be novel, to involve an inventive step (to be non obvious), or to be industrially applicable have not been examined in respect of:

- ☐ the entire international application.
- ☒ claims Nos. 3, 4, 7

because:

- ☐ the said international application, or the said claims Nos. _____
relate to the following subject matter which does not require an international preliminary examination (*specify*):

- ☒ the description, claims or drawings (*indicate particular elements below*) or said claims Nos. 3, 4, 7
are so unclear that no meaningful opinion could be formed (*specify*):

See Supplemental Box

- ☐ the claims, or said claims Nos. _____ are so inadequately supported
by the description that no meaningful opinion could be formed.
- ☐ no international search report has been established for said claims Nos. _____

Supplemental Box

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Continuation of: III.

Compounds of the formula according to Claims 1, 2, 5, 6, and 8 differ from the epothilones A and B (cf. D2 and D3), epothilones C and D (D1), and the epothilone derivatives (cf. Claims 1 and 4 according to D1) with the proviso that R^{2a} or R^{2b} cannot be hydrogen/methyl if D-E is CH_2CH_2 or Y represents a oxygen atom. Furthermore, D4 and D6 disclose that epothilones A and B interact with tubulin and have an effect on cancer cells, and D1 discloses that epothilones C and D and the epothilone derivatives have an anti-tumor effect.

With regard to this prior art (D1, D2, or D3), there are various structural features in relation to epothilones A-D or the further epothilone derivatives according to D1, which have no technical relationship. Therefore, different inventions/groups (cf. A-D below) exist, which are not connected such that they form a single inventive concept.

Similar considerations apply to Claims 9-11.

b) The method according to Claim 12 leads to compounds which are not claimed in Claim 13 or not known, so that two different objectives exist with regard to these claims, and these objectives do not form a single inventive concept:

i) providing new intermediate products and ii) providing a new method for producing at least partially known compounds (cf. D2, Figure 4, Compound 6; D4, Figure 1, Compound 5; D5, Compound 7; D6, Figure II, Compound 15).

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Continuation of: III.

Providing new intermediate products can only show unity with the inventive concepts A-D (cf. below), if these concepts contribute to the distinguishing feature of the end product.

There are no compounds according to Claim 13 which show unity with the inventive concepts C and D (they do not contribute to the distinguishing feature).

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IV. Lack of unity of invention

1. In response to the invitation to restrict or pay additional fees the applicant has:

- ☒ restricted the claims.
- ☒ paid additional fees.
- ☐ paid additional fees under protest.
- ☐ neither restricted nor paid additional fees.

2. ☐ This Authority found that the requirement of unity of invention is not complied with and chose, according to Rule 68.1, not to invite the applicant to restrict or pay additional fees.

3. This Authority considers that the requirement of unity of invention in accordance with Rules 13.1, 13.2 and 13.3 is

- ☐ complied with.
- ☒ not complied with for the following reasons:

See Supplemental Box

4. Consequently, the following parts of the international application were the subject of international preliminary examination in establishing this report:

- ☐ all parts.
- ☒ the parts relating to claims Nos. 1, 2, 5, 8 - 13

Supplemental Box

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Continuation of: IV.

The different inventions/groups of inventions are:

A) Compounds of formula I, wherein Y is oxygen and the structural difference occurs in group R^{2a} or R^{2b} , and R^{2a} and R^{2b} are **not** simultaneously hydrogen (cf. the corresponding H/Me groups according to D1, D4, and D6): cf. Claims 1 (partially), 2 (partially), 5 (partially), 6 (partially), Claim 8, (partially), 9-12 (partially), and 13 (partially).

B) Compounds of formula I, wherein Y is oxygen and R^{2a} or R^{2b} are simultaneously hydrogen (cf. the corresponding H/Me groups according to D1, D4, and D6): cf. the present Claims 1 (partially), 2 (partially), 5 (partially), 6 (partially), 8 (partially) 9-12 (partially), and 13 (partially).

C) Compounds according to Claims 1-8, wherein Y represents two hydrogen atoms: cf. the present Claims 1 (partially), 2 (partially), 5 (partially), 6 (partially), 8 (partially), 9-12 (partially).

D) Claim 8 (in part) - the distinguishing feature is not shown by Y or R^{2a} or R^{2b} (cf. for example, 1S, 3S(E), 7S, 10R, 11S, 12S, 16R)-7,11-dihydroxy-8,8,10,12,16-pentamethyl-3-((4-pyridyl)ethenyl)-4,17-dioxabicyclo[14.1.0]heptadecan-5,9-dion).

Therefore, the required unity of invention (PCT Rule 13.1) is not established since a technical relationship within the meaning of PCT Rule 13.2 involving one or more of the same or corresponding special technical features does not exist between the subjects of the aforementioned groups of

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Continuation of: IV.

compounds.

There are further objections in terms of unity with regard to invention D (cf. Claim 8 (in part) - cf. Box V) since various features of the epothilones A-D are disclosed by the closest prior art (D1-D3):

a) Group X - a (3-pyridyl)ethenyl group instead of a 2-methyl-4-thiazolyl)ethenyl group

b) Group R^{4a}/R^{4b} - a CF_3 or trimethylene instead of a CH_3 group

c) Group D-E, which forms a double-bond or a triple-bond

d) Group R^5 is a CF_3 or a pentafluoroethyl group.

These features are not so related as to form a single inventive concept, and thus, four further inventions/groups exist in Claim 8.

V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**1. Statement**

Novelty (N)	Claims	1, 2, 5, 6, 8-12	YES
	Claims	13	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims		YES
	Claims	1, 2, 5, 6, 8-13	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1, 2, 5, 6, 8-13	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations

This report makes reference to the following documents:

- D1: WO 97 19086 A (Gesellschaft für Biotechnologische Forschung MBH) May 29, 1997, mentioned in the application
- D2: K.C. Nicolaou et al.: Nature, vol. 387, no. 6630, May 15, 1997, pages 268-72, XP002095721, mentioned in the application
- D3: D. Schinzer et al.: Chemistry - A European Journal, vol. 2, no. 11, 1996, pages 1477-82, XP002095724, mentioned in the application
- D4: Zhen Yang et al.: Angewandte Chemie, vol. 109, no. 1/2, 1997, pages 170-2, XP002095722, mentioned in the application
- D5: K. Tamao et al.: Journal of the Chemical Society, Chemical Communications, 1988, pages 795-7, XP002095725
- D6: K. A. Parker et al.: Journal of Organic Chemistry, vol. 52, no. 19, 1987, pages 4369-77, XP002095726
- ~~D7: (not relevant for inventions A-D)~~
- D8: D. Schinzer et al.: Angewandte Chemie, vol. 109, no. 5, 1997, pages 543-4, XP002095720, mentioned in the application
- D9: DE 41 38 042 A (Gesellschaft für Biotechnologische

Forschung) May 27, 1993

Invention A

Compounds of formula I, wherein Y is oxygen, and R^{2a} and R^{2b} are not simultaneously hydrogen.

Novelty

This report was drawn up under the assumption that, with regard to the proviso "if D-E represents $\text{CH}_2\text{-CH}_2$ or Y represents an oxygen atom, then R^{2a}/R^{2b} cannot be hydrogen/methyl", the following meanings of R^{2a} and R^{2b} are intended in the disclaimer: R^{2a} is hydrogen, R^{2b} is methyl, or R^{2a} is methyl and R^{2b} is hydrogen. The compounds of Claim 1 appear to be novel over D1-D4, D8, and D9 owing to this proviso (cf. however, Box V, Point 1).

Claim 13 is novel over formula 6 according to D2, formulas 9 and 27, formula 5 according to D4 (owing to the disclaimer), and formula 10 according to D8.

Inventive Step

D2 and D3 are considered the closest prior art since these documents disclose very similar compounds, which interact with tubulin and have an effect on cancer cells.

Given the trivial structural differences between the claimed compounds and the compounds known from D2 or D3, the newly claimed compounds offer alternatives to the compounds known from D2 and D3 which are obvious to a person skilled in the art, for example, compounds in which a methyl group is replaced by an ethyl group.

The problem on which the application is based could therefore be that of providing further epothilones which have an unexpected effect in relation to the most similar compounds of the prior art.

Even if the compounds of formula I (invention A) show an unexpected effect, they do not appear to involve an inventive step.

Invention B

Y is oxygen and R^{2a} and R^{2b} are simultaneously hydrogen.

Novelty

The compounds of formula I according to invention B differ from the compounds according to D1-D4, D8 and D9 by the fact that the 6-position (cf. numbering of the epothilones in D1) is unsubstituted, i.e. R^{2a} and R^{2b} are simultaneously hydrogen, whereas in D1-D4, D8, and D9, the 6-position is substituted by a methyl group.

Compound 7 according to D5, and compound 15 according to D6 are prejudicial to the novelty of the compounds of formula A' according to Claim 13.

Inventive Step

Given the trivial structural differences between the claimed compounds and the compounds known from D2 or D3 (closest prior art), the newly claimed compounds offer alternatives to the compounds known from D2 and D3 which are obvious to a person skilled in the art.

This view is confirmed by the scope of Claim 1, wherein the structural differences between the claimed compounds

and the examples are much larger than the differences between the claimed compounds and epothilones A and B.

Invention C

Y represents two hydrogen atoms.

Novelty

The compounds according to formula I differ from the compounds according to D1-D4, D8 and D9 in that Y represents two hydrogen atoms, whereas the corresponding group according to D1-D4, D8, and D9 is oxygen.

Inventive Step

Given the trivial structural differences between the claimed compounds and the compounds known from D2 or D3 (closest prior art), the newly claimed compounds offer alternatives to the compounds known from D2 and D3 which are obvious to a person skilled in the art.

Invention D

The distinguishing feature is not shown by Y or R^{2a} or R^{2b}.

Novelty

These compounds of formula I appear to be novel over D1-D4, D8, and D9 (cf. the features in Box IV).

Inventive Step

An inventive step can be recognized for the compounds according to Claim 8, said compounds being substituted by

the 1-methyl-2-(pyridyl)ethenyl) group, since this group does not appear to be an obvious alternative to the 1-methyl-2-(2-methyl-4-thiazolyl)ethenyl group according to D1-D3.

Claim 8 does, however, contain compounds that are obvious.

The other compounds (cf. b)-d)) in Box IV, appear to be obvious (cf. for example, replacing a CH₃ group with a CF₃ group).

Scope of Claims 1, 2, 5, and 6

a) Claims 1, 2, 5, and 6 are not allowed since the definitions of the residues contain largely unspecified expressions, such as "aryl", "all of which can be substituted", "protective group". These expressions include possibilities that the problem addressed by the application cannot solve.

b) An objection with regard to the scope of the claims could be raised in the regional phase for the following reasons:

It is unclear which of the examples were tested, and thus a final examination of the scope does not appear to be possible. The residues indicated by the applicants in Claims 1, 2, 5, and 6 go beyond what can be considered as reasonable alternatives to the examples, even if they had been tested (with regard to the generally accepted definition of structure and activity).

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VI. Certain documents cited

1. Certain published documents (Rule 70.10)

Application No.
Patent No.

Publication date
(day/month/year)

Filing date
(day/month/year)

Priority date (valid claim)
(day/month/year)

See Supplemental Box

2. Non-written disclosures (Rule 70.9)

Kind of non-written disclosure

Date of non-written disclosure
(day/month/year)

Date of written disclosure
referring to non-written disclosure
(day/month/year)

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Continuation of: VI.

Certain published documents (PCT Rule 70.10)

D10: K. C. Nicolaou et al.: Journal of the American Chemical Society, vol. 119, no. 34, 1997, pages 7974-91, XP002095719, mentioned in the application

D11: K. C. Nicolaou: Journal of the American Chemical Society, vol. 119, no. 34, 1997, pages 7960-73, XP002064442, mentioned in the application

D12: DE 196 36 343 C (Schering AG) October 23, 1997

D13: DE 197 01 758 A (L. A. Wessjohann) July 23, 1998

D14: WO 98 08849 A (Novartis AG) March 5, 1998

D15: K. C. Nicolaou et al.: Angewandte Chemie, vol. 109, no. 19, 1997, pages 2181-7, XP002095723, mentioned in the application

D16: WO 98 25929 A (Novartis AG) June 18, 1998

D17: WO 99 02514 A (Bristol Mayers Squibb Company)
January 21, 1999

D18: WO 99 01124 A (Sloan Kettering Institute for Cancer Research) January 14, 1999

This report is based on the assumption that all claims enjoy priority of the filing date of the priority document. If this does not prove correct at a later time, the aforementioned D14 and D15 could become relevant for assessing novelty and inventive step, and D15 and D18 for novelty.

Furthermore, the filing date of D14 is earlier than the priority date of the application and the priorities of D16-D18 are earlier than the priority date of the application.

VII. Certain defects in the international application

The following defects in the form or contents of the international application have been noted:

Contrary to the requirements of PCT Rule 5.1(a)(ii), neither the relevant prior art disclosed in D9, D12, D13, and D14 nor these documents themselves have been indicated in the description.

VIII. Certain observations on the international application

The following observations on the clarity of the claims, description, and drawings or on the question whether the claims are fully supported by the description, are made:

1. It is not clear whether the proviso in Claim 1, "wherein R^{2a}/R^{2b} cannot be hydrogen/methyl if -D-E represents $-CH_2-CH_2$ or Y represents an oxygen atom", also includes a situation in which R^{2a} is methyl and R^{2b} is hydrogen. If this is not the case, then D1-D4, D8, and D9 would be prejudicial to the novelty of Claims 1, 2, 5, and 6.
2. The definitions R^{1a} , R^{1b} , R^{2a} , R^{2c} , R^3 , R^4 , R^5 , R^8 , R^9 , R^{10} , R^{11} , R^{12} , R^{13b} , R^{14b} , R^{15a} , R^{15b} , R^{17} , and R^{23} in Claims 1 are unclear in light of the description, which discloses that the alkyl groups are perfluorinated or substituted ... by 1-5 halogen atoms (page 6, lines 5-8).
3. The term "aryl" in Claim 1 is unclear in light of the description (page 6, lines 9-16) since this term usually does not include heterocycles or substituted aryl groups.

Similar considerations apply to the term "aralkyl" in Claim 1 (cf. page 6, lines 9-24).

4. It appears that the compounds according to Claim 1, which are substituted by a protective group, are not considered to be active compounds, but intermediate products. Therefore, there is a contradiction with Claims 10 and 11, which concern pharmaceutical preparations and the use of the compounds of general formula I according to Claim 1 for producing drugs.

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Furthermore, the term "protective group" is unclear since an attempt is made to define the invention by the result to be achieved using this term. Whether a group is understood as a protective group depends also on other conditions (for example, on reaction conditions, which are not at all indicated in Claim 1), and thus, said term leads to a further lack of clarity.

With regard to the subject matter of Claim 1, it should be noted that two independent claims should be claimed (active compounds and intermediate products).

5. Claims 12 and 13 are unclear with regard to Claim 9 since the substituents are numbered differently for the compounds of formula A and A'.
6. Claim 9 appears to be unclear since it does not contain all of the features essential for the method (PCT Article 6 and PCT Rule 6.3(b)).